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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

For years, I've worked within technology and have learned that innovation only comes within a competitive environment. It is innovation that provides better products and services for customers.

As a broadband customer, I selected Sonic over other broadband providers because of product offerings, price and customer service. And, Sonic has been able to continually give me the product and support that AT&T was unable to do during the many years I was a loyal customer.

I am currently a DSL subscriber, but am hoping that Sonic will soon be able to provide fiber to our community. I am highly dependent upon my broadband communications for getting news, doing business, and staying in contact with family and friends in far flung corners of the world.

Please maintain the competitive environment necessary for multiple broadband ISPs to thrive in the marketplace. Without the competition, it is the customer and our nation that will suffer the greatest loss.

Thank-you.

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